

HECTOR HALF-HUNDRED
50- AND 30-MILE ENDURANCE RIDES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

SANCTIONED BY AERC AND ECTRA

PLEASE READ THIS YEAR'S REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY!

COVID-19 changes everything, but look at the bright side: We are lucky to have a ride at all! The increase in ride fees reflects the fixed costs that we have and the fact that we can only allow 40 riders.

Unfortunately, there will not be a 15-mile ride this year.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANYONE BUT YOURSELF.

We can only have 50 total people, which means 40 riders and 10 vets and volunteers!

Entries will be accepted **STARTING** on August 3, and will be accepted by postmark date. Only entries sent by US postal mail will be accepted; **NO** e-mail entries. Please do not send your entries before this date; they will not be accepted.

After 40 riders, we will start a waiting list.

Location. Logan Valois Hector Volunteer Fire Department grounds, 5736 NYS Route 414, Hector, NY.

Schedule. Grounds open Friday, September 11, and riders will begin vetting-in at 3 p.m. Riders will be given a vet in time as they register. On Saturday, the 50-mile riders will start at 6:30 a.m., 30-mile riders at 8:30 a.m.

Trail. Consists of vineyard paths with lots of lake vistas, dirt roads, and woodsy trails, some hills. There may be rocky and muddy spots in the Finger Lakes National Forest. Riders will cross public grazing pastures—that is, “we got cows.” There will be one “away” hold for both 50-mile and 30-mile horses. Management will haul crewing supplies to the hold.

Facilities. There will be camping in the fire department field with port-a-johns. There are no electrical hook-ups, but plenty of water will be available for horses. Entry fee includes Friday and Saturday night camping.

Meals. Your entry fee covers dinner on Friday night.

Entries. Preregistration is required. Please come without crew or extra people. Only riders and their horses will be allowed at camp. Entry for all rides requires a nonrefundable \$25 deposit as a separate check. Entries postmarked after September 2 must be accompanied by a \$50 late fee.

IMPORTANT: As we can only allow 40 riders, entries will be accepted by their postmark date. The first date we will be accepting postmarks is August 3. After 40 riders, we will start a waiting list.

Competitor Requirements. Certificate of rabies vaccination, proof of a negative Coggins test, both dated within 1 calendar year from September 12, 2020. ASTM certified helmet mandatory. **All horses in all rides will have their temperatures taken when they vet in. Please accustom your horse to this.**

Recommended: Reflective jackets or vests because morning fog can cause low visibility. Horseshoes or hoof protection is also recommended.

Sponsor Requirement. The AERC requires any rider under 16 years of age as of January 1, 2020 and entered in any of the rides to be accompanied on the ride by a competent, mounted adult sponsor, 21 years or older. Riders under 16 who qualify to ride without a sponsor must furnish an AERC verification letter.

Awards. First-to-Finish, Best Condition, Top Ten, and T-shirt Completion awards will be given.

Ride Manager. Pam Karner, 603 Hayts Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850. drpamkarner@gmail.com. (607) 280-2282.

Ride Secretary. Eva Norris, PO Box 76, Harpursville, NY 13787. Eva83919@aol.com. (607) 693-1725.

DIRECTIONS TO THE RIDE:

FROM NYS THRUWAY EASTBOUND: Take Exit 42 and turn right on State Route 14 and go south to Packwood Road. Left on Packwood for about a mile and a half, then right on Serven Road to Routes 5 and 20. Right on Routes 5 and 20 for less than a mile. Go left on Route 96A and continue to Ovid. At four-way stop, go right on 96A and 414. Continue south on 414 to Ball Diamond Road. The Logan Valois Hector Volunteer Fire Department (#5736) will be coming up on your left, and beyond it the Hazlitt Winery. **TO ACCESS RIDE CAMP, TURN LEFT ON BALL DIAMOND ROAD BEFORE THE FIRE STATION, THEN GO RIGHT AFTER THE PLAYING FIELD.**

FROM NYS THRUWAY WESTBOUND, Take Exit 41 and turn right on Route 414. Go to Routes 5 and 20. Turn right and follow signs to Route 96. Go south on Route 96 to Ovid. At four-way stop, stay straight on Routes 96 and 414. Continue south on Route 414 to Ball Diamond Road. The Logan Valois Hector Volunteer Fire Department (#5736) will be coming up on your left, and beyond it the Hazlitt Winery. **TO ACCESS RIDE CAMP, TURN LEFT ON BALL DIAMOND ROAD BEFORE THE FIRE STATION, THEN GO RIGHT AFTER THE PLAYING FIELD.**

FROM ELMIRA: Take **186** (old route 17) to Elmira. Turn north on **NYS 14** (not 414). Because of street closings in Watkins Glen Friday, do not go into Watkins Glen. Instead, take NYS 14 into **Montour Falls**. As you come into Montour Falls, you will pass the Fire Academy on your right. Continue 0.5 miles to 2nd light. Turn right on **Route 224**. Proceed out of village and cross the bridge. Immediately after the bridge, turn left on **L'homme Dieu Street**. Stay left. This becomes **County Road 8, Skyline Drive**. Continue 5 miles until Skyline Drive dead-ends into **NYS 79**. Turn left on NYS 79. Proceed almost a mile into the village of Burdett. At the stoplight in Burdett, stay straight and continue to the first stop sign. Turn right on **Main Street** and go out of the village. This road merges with **NYS 414**. Go north until you see the **Fire Department** (#5736) on your right. **TO ACCESS RIDE CAMP, CONTINUE ON NYS 414 PAST THE FIRE STATION AND TURN RIGHT ON BALL DIAMOND ROAD. THEN GO RIGHT AFTER THE PLAYING FIELD.**

FROM ITHACA: Follow State Route 79 West from Ithaca through the village of Mecklenburg and into the village of Burdett, follow Old Main Street to take a right on Route 5 out of town to NYS Route 414. Take NYS Route 414 north for about 5 miles. The Logan Valois Hector Volunteer Fire Department (#5736) will be on your right just after Hazlitt Winery. **TO ACCESS RIDE CAMP, CONTINUE ON NYS 414 PAST THE FIRE STATION AND TURN RIGHT ON BALL DIAMOND ROAD. THEN GO RIGHT AFTER THE PLAYING FIELD.**

**GENERAL COVID GUIDELINES
For Hector Half Hundred 2020**

IF YOU RESIDE IN A STATE THAT NEW YORK REQUIRES ISOLATION UPON ENTERING NY, PLEASE DO NOT APPLY. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT YOUR APPLICATION.

NO RIDE BRIEFING: Instead, you will receive a rider packet at registration that will include a hard copy of the ride briefing notes; each distance's start time, mileage, order and color of loops, heart rate criteria, and hold times. (I will have a Q&A in the field outside after all vet checks completed, likely around 6 p.m. Social distancing and face masks will be required throughout camp.)

REGISTRATION: Please mail in your entry and two checks. It should include: completed entry form, signed COVID agreement, signed release form, copy of Coggins, copy of rabies vaccination, a nonrefundable check for \$25, and the balance check that is refundable if you cancel. The secretary will have a packet ready for you and everyone will be wearing a mask. REMEMBER to stay 6 ft apart!

MEALS: The Fire Company will have a take-out chicken barbeque Friday evening. Please respect 6 ft distance and always wear mask in camp. Please eat at your own trailers, and not on grass outside the fire hall. Please come prepared with the rest of your needs, food/meals and drink, and eat at your own trailer.

AWAY VET CHECK: Please prepare a small single bag for your horse and your needs. LABEL BAG WITH YOUR NAME AND NUMBER. Management will take it to the hold. There will be plenty of horse water and grass at the hold.

VOLUNTEERS: You will receive prepackaged lunch and drinks. Volunteers on gates will need to provide their own and unfortunately not return to the fire hall. You will meet at the fire hall in your cars at 6 a.m. and follow a car that will take you to your gate. ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME TO THE FRIDAY CHICKEN DINNER, and will get a T-shirt. Please take your meals home to eat. Sorry!

NO AWARDS CEREMONY/MEETING: Instead, completion prizes will be given at registration and Top Ten and BC will be at Ride Manager's trailer to be picked up by riders after completion of ride.

SOCIAL DISTANCING: Please be considerate of other camp sites and adhere to social distancing standards of AT LEAST 6 FEET APART at all times. When visiting other campsites, PLEASE wear face covering. And ask them to wear theirs.

FACE COVERING or MASKS: Face covering and/or masks **will be required:** At vet In, at in and out timers, at pulse timer, at ALL vet checks, and EVERYWHERE, except your own trailer. **Carry masks on trail so you have it at the away vet check.**

VETTING IN: You will be given a vet-in time when you arrive in camp. Please adhere to that time to limit the number of people up at the vet-in area. **ONE HORSE, ONE HANDLER!**

START LINE: In order to observe social distancing, riders **must stay at east 6 feet away from other horses when warming up, unless those riders traveled to ride together.**

WATER STOPS/TANKS/GATES: Please stay 6 feet apart unless you are with a person you traveled to ride with.

HOLD AND VET CHECK PROCEDURES:

1. As you come off trail: **PUT ON YOUR MASK.** Stop at in-timer tent, and stay 6 feet away from other horses. You will all get the same time. The timer will hand you a slip of paper with the time on it, and you DO NOT need to give your rider card to the timer. BE PATIENT PLEASE. The hold time will be one hour, so you have plenty of time.

2. Proceed to your crew area and drop tack. NO TACK on horses during pulse or vetting (to reduce contact for vets). MAKE SURE YOUR PULSE IS DOWN BEFORE COMING IN to the pulse timer.

3. As you approach the pulse timer (ONE HANDLER PLEASE), call out your rider number, and listen for it to be called back. You will be given a time slip with the pulse time AND your out time on it. BE PATIENT. Everyone calling pulse at same time will get the same time, but you must be 6 feet apart and have on masks. SAVE YOUR TIME-OUT SLIP because you will need to hand it to the timer on the way back out on trail.

4. **Pulse will be taken by the vet.** Hand both time slips (in time and pulse time) and your rider card to the scribe and they will write on your card. IF YOU DO NOT PASS PULSE, START ALL OVER AGAIN WHILE RESPECTING SOCIAL DISTANCING.

5. PLEASE observe social distancing while in the vet area. Stand on the OPPOSITE side of your horse from the vet.

FINISH LINE: As you approach...STOP AND PUT ON YOUR MASK. The timer will record your finish time on their sheet and give you a slip just like the holds. Follow the same procedure as the holds regarding pulse time and veterinary exam. REMEMBER: your pulse time is your finish time if you are a 30 miler. Finish time for 50 mile riders is when you cross the finish line.

HECTOR HALF HUNDRED 2020 COVID-19 GUIDELINE AGREEMENT

Please read carefully, initial each bullet point, and sign below. This form needs to be mailed with your entry form, along with a copy of current Coggins, certificate of rabies vaccination, and release form.

____ We are limiting our gathering to 50. This means **a limit of 40 riders and 10 volunteers. ONLY PEOPLE registered for the ride and ON THE RIDE MANAGER'S volunteer list will be allowed in base camp.** PLEASE DO NOT bring friends or family or crew, we will unfortunately have to ask them to leave.

ARRIVAL: Upon arrival, people will remain in their vehicles until these steps occur:

____ Each person in the vehicle must confirm they have not had a positive COVID-19 test **or been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.**

____ It is the responsibility of the rider to ensure that they are healthy before attending. **Please do not attend the ride if you are showing signs** of illness to include, but not limited to: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of sense of smell or taste.

____ *****FACE COVERING or MASKS:** Face covering and/or masks will be required at ALL times except in your own camp. Six feet social distance will also be required.

____ If you are NOT WILLING to follow any one or more of these guidelines, please do not attend the ride, and allow another rider the chance to compete. These guidelines are for the safety of others and you.

I, _____, agree to these COVID-19 guidelines for the Hector Half Hundred 2020 Ride that I am attending on September 11-13, 2020.

Signature

Date

This page MUST be returned with entry form or you are not entered in the ride!

Hector Half-Hundred
Saturday, September 12, 2020, Hector, New York

Entry Form

Pre-registration required. Minimum nonrefundable deposit \$25. Late fee of \$50 applies to entries postmarked after September 2. No email entries accepted. Please postal mail only. Entries will be taken in order of postmark. Entry confirmation will be sent by email. If you do not receive a confirmation, contact the ride secretary: Eva Norris, Eva83919@aol.com, (607) 693-1725. Remember that entry includes dinner Friday.

Rider Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ AERC# _____ ECTRA# _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ First-time Endurance Rider?

In case of emergency, contact: _____ Phone: _____

Division (check one)

_____ Featherweight (up to 160 lbs. with tack)

_____ Junior (<16 yrs.)

_____ Middleweight (186–210 lbs. with tack)

_____ Lightweight (161–185 lbs. with tack)

===== Heavyweight (≥211 lbs. with tack)

Horse Information

Name: _____ Color: _____ Sex (M, G, S): _____ Age: _____

Breed: _____ AERC# _____ ECTRA# _____

Owner of Horse: _____

Fees:

50-Mile Endurance: \$150 _____

30-Mile LD: \$150 _____

AERC nonmember fee: \$15 _____

\$50 late fee (mailed after 9/02/20) _____

Less ride manager discount -\$25

Less Junior rider discount -\$25

Less non-refundable entry deposit -\$25

Balance Due \$ _____

Make checks payable to “Pamela Karner.”

**Mail your entry form, signed release form, signed COVID-19 agreement,
one check for nonrefundable \$25 deposit, one check for the remaining balance due,
negative Coggins, and proof of rabies vaccination to:**

Eva Norris, PO Box 76, Harpursville, NY 13787.

RELEASE FORM

This liability release and agreement must be signed and returned with your entry. No cross-outs or additions are permitted.

In consideration for permission to enter and participate in the Hector Half-Hundred 50-mile endurance ride, 30-mile limited distance ride, or 15-mile introductory ride, I do hereby for myself, my heirs and assigns, release and hold harmless ride management, ride volunteers, AERC, ECTRA, and their agents, officers, servants, employees and officials, from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any kind, for injury or death sustained by me or my horse, and damage to my property, incurred during this ride arising from negligence or any other fault. "Ride" includes from the time I and my horse arrive at base camp until the time that we leave the premises, as well as the actual event. "Horse" means the animal I am riding or have entered.

I understand that horseback riding is an inherently dangerous activity and am aware that (1) The ride involves being in areas for extended periods of time not close to communications, transportation, medical and veterinary assistance; (2) That these areas have natural and man-made hazards, which ride management cannot anticipate, modify, or eliminate; (3) That both my own horse and those of other participants can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable, and can panic, bite, rear, kick, strike, stumble or fall; (4) That as a result of participating in the ride I or my horse may be injured or die or my property may be damaged.

In the UNLIKELY event that my horse is seriously ill or injured AND I (RIDER/OWNER) AM NOT AVAILABLE, I authorize ride management, acting on the permission of: (name) _____ (or Dr. Pamela Karner, 607-280-2282 if this person is not available), to authorize treatment (including referral), and if necessary transport the horse for that treatment. I assume responsibility for any resulting expenses.

In the event that the Rider/participant initiates a lawsuit against ride management, ride volunteers, AERC, ECTRA, and their agents, officers, servants, employees and officials as a result of his/her participation in the ride, and said Rider/participant fails to establish liability or fault of the above named entities, the undersigned agrees to pay all litigation costs and legal expenses incurred by the above named entities in defending said lawsuit. It is further agreed that the above named entities may assign their right to recover legal fees and expenses to their insurance carrier.

I agree to take full responsibility for my horse and myself. I recognize that the ride is a strenuous activity, and I represent that my horse and I are in adequate physical and mental condition to participate. I recognize that my participation in the ride is voluntary. I agree to wear certified (ASTM F1 163/SEI) protective headgear at all times when mounted throughout the ride. In addition my participating equine will have a negative Coggins test and a proof of rabies vaccination, both dated within 1 calendar year from September 12, 2020. I also consent to a drug test upon my horse if requested.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE LIABILITY RELEASE AND AGREEMENT, AND I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Rider's name (print) _____

Rider/junior rider' signature and date _____

Junior rider age _____ Birthdate _____ Junior's sponsor _____

Guardian name, if Junior (print) _____

Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Owner's name (print) _____ Horse name _____

Owner's signature _____ Date _____